Canine Bulletin

Nebraska Task Force - 1 August 2001

Canine Team Training Schedule

Submitted by: Deborah Goodman

As part of an ongoing effort to improve the capabilities of the canine portion of our team, I have been asked to develop a Canine Team Training Schedule. Given the fact that the handlers live so far from each other, getting together to train as a group is a real challenge albeit a necessity for the continued improvement of our canines and ourselves. It is our goal that this schedule will give advance notice of training so that handlers can plan accordingly to get more training time in, and it varies the training site to distribute the burden of travel and to give our canines new environments to work in.

The schedule is a "tentative" one. This means it is carved in "Jell-O" and subject to change! Therefore, we have designated a contact person who will be available to provide information for each training session. It will be your responsibility to contact this person if you wish to attend a training session. At that time the contact person will register you in the training and keep you informed of a change or cancellation.

This tentative schedule is primarily Missouri based. If anyone would like to take on the responsibility of setting up more training dates in Lincoln or elsewhere, please contact me and I will happily add them to the schedule. We all know one must train to succeed! Hopefully this schedule will make it easier!

The schedule, found on page 3, is a tentative schedule for NE-TF1 canine team trainings. For information or to register attendance for a specific training, please contact the following:

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How the Bluberman Came to Be

Submitted by: Elaine Sawtell From the book "Mutts, America's Dogs, by Brian Kilcommons and Michael Capuzzo Warner Books. 1996

The Doberman Pinscher, developed around 1890 in Germany, is prized for its agility, courage, and ability to steal your heart. The Australian Cattle Dog, or Blue Heeler, was bred of wild Dingos and blue merle Highland Collies to work cattle in nineteenthcentury Australia. The Bluberman was identified in June 1991 near Springfield, Missouri, to the great surprise of the farm wife, when her Australian Cattle Dog bitch birthed a litter of what looked like Doberman Pinschers. Suspicions naturally pointed to the "big ol' Doberman" lazing around the farm next door. "I know I have a purebred Bluberman because I met both parents," said Elaine Sawtell, who went next door to pet the Doberman and check his teeth before adopting Ditto, the Bluberman puppy.

The Bluberman combines the fierce work ethic of the Australian Cattle Dog with the affectionate nature of the Doberman. "They want to do what you want to do," says Sawtell. "If you want to play Frisbee, they want to play Frisbee. If you want to search for cadavers, they want to search for cadavers. It's a good mix. I wouldn't have done it myself. But it works."



Ditto as a pup on July 7th, 1991

Dog Talk

Submitted by: An Anonymous but Reliable Source.....

Zima: Hello, Louie?

Louie: Yeah, who's this?

Zima: Well, this is Zima. I'm calling to congratulate you on saving all those lives in Indiana.

Louie: Oh, it was a piece of cake! I wish you had been there, Zima. I KNOW you would have found them all, too. I don't know WHY these people keep getting themselves in these situations. But it is kind of fun to see Mom gliding over the rubble like Tinkerbell when she hears me bark. Of course, I'd much rather get those poor people out myself and save her the trip, but she seems to like it when I bark.

Zima: Well, Louie, I heard One Soc passed too!

Louie: Yeah, he did a great job, and have you seen his new card??

Zima: Yes! And I'm so glad that someone besides that Ditto has a card. I was so proud when you got your

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One Soc

picture in that calendar. I am so sick of looking at that outdated picture of Ditto. That's the way she WISHES she still looked, before she had that gray face!

Louie: Well, but One Soc looks so...... what's the word?

Zima: Noble. I'm not surprised you don't know that word, Louie. But anyway, you're right. He looks like he could save the world!

Louie: Yeah, right!

Zima: Yes. I know we only have the best on our team, but it's nice when they're good looking, too, like myself and Oney...oh, and you, too, Louie, and of course the Labs. Hey, maybe we should buy some Grecian Formula for old gray face....whooops, here come Conto. I need to see what he's up to. Talk to you later.

Louie: 'Bye!

April in Indiana

Submitted by: Elaine Sawtell

They came, they searched, they found their victims (all of them!), they alerted their handlers and they STAYED WITH their victims. On April 20, 21 and 22, Louie and Ditto recertified Type I, and OneSoc and Deborah became our newest Type II team. Congratulations!



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